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STATE ROUTE 330 OPEN

MEDIA PHOTO OPPORTUNITY CANCELED

San Bernardino County – The media photo opportunity scheduled for today, March 23rd, is canceled. Further alterations to the rock fall drape (mesh netting) are necessary before the installation on the slope.

SR-330 will be open today, March 23rd through Monday, March 27th, at 7:30 a.m. Work will continue on the drape with no impacts to traffic.

Beginning on Monday, March 27th, the closure hours will be reduced to 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and on Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The rock fall drape (steel netting) will be in place by the end of this week. The route will remain open on the weekends. Additional repairs to the slope and roadway are expected to be complete by early April, weather permitting.

Alternate routes to the mountain communities during the closure hours are SR-38 to Big Bear, SR-18 to Crestline, Running Springs and Lake Arrowhead, and SR-18 (backside) from Lucerne to Big Bear.

A contractor employee and the CHP will continue to monitor the slope when the route is open to the public to insure safety. For updates on roadwork please go to our website at www.dot.ca.gov/dist8 and click on "Press Releases" or call (909) 383-4631 for information.

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